

Notices

THIS Saturday, 31st May - Songs of Ascent meet 9am at St John's for a mini walking pilgrimage to St Michael's.

Mothers' Union meetings - Tuesday 3rd June 2pm in the Large Meeting Room at St George's Church, 2024 Rome and Assisi St George pilgrimage

Tuesday 1st July, Garden Party with raffle at 30 Battery End 2pm start. All welcome.

Friday 6th June - Lego Builders from 3.15pm in St George's Church. A fun, creative, bible themed group for primary school aged children and their adults. All welcome, just turn up, no need to book.

Saturday, 14th June - Watership Cantabile at St Michael's Church. 6pm 'Light, Liberty and Love' music for a summer evening. Admission free, retiring collection for the work of the church.

Revd Leanne's priesting is on Saturday 28th June at 11.30 at Reading Minster - all warmly invited to come along and support Leanne.

Sunday 29th June is a day of benefice celebrations - 10am joint Benefice Holy Communion at St George's with joint choir and Leanne presiding for the first time, followed by bring and share lunch. The day concludes with Benefice Evensong at 6.30pm at St Michael's.

Saturday, 21 June Newbury Chamber Choir at St George's at 6pm performing a short, early evening concert of traditional folk songs of the British Isles. The centrepiece will be John Rutter's The Sprig of Thyme. Tickets £15, (includes refreshments after the concert), Under 18s free. Online at www.newburychamberchoir.org or on the door.

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

1st June 2025

Sunday after Ascension

Everyone is welcome at our churches and all are warmly invited to come along.

We look forward to seeing you.

Today's Services

St George's 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion

9.30am - All-age Parish Communion

St John's 8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish Communion

St Michael's at 11am - Holy Communion

Live-streamed worship this week is from St John's on YouTube from 10.00am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via www.stg-stj.org.uk

Next Sunday, 8th June - Pentecost

St George's at 8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Parish Communion

St John's at 8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish Communion

Weekly Services and Events

Benefice Office open Tuesday to Friday 9.30-3.00pm

Monday	Warm Welcome Café at G's 9.30am-12.30
Tuesday	Morning Prayer 8.50am at St John's Babies & Toddlers at St J 9.30am-11.15am Listening Prayer at St George's at 10am Eucharist at 12.30pm at St John's
Wednesday	Morning Prayer 8.50am at St John's Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's Warm Welcome Café at G's 9.30am-12.30 Social & Midday Prayer , St J from 10.30am Tiddlers & Toddlers St G 10am - 11.30am
Thursday	Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's Café Communion 12 noon at St George's Contemplative Prayer 6pm at St John's
Friday	Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's 'and Breathe' school-run café at St John's 8.45am - 10.30am Warm Welcome Café at G's 2.00-4.30pm Soup Lunch 12 noon at St John's Evening Prayer St John's 5.00pm

The Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First reading: Acts 1. 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Gospel Reading: John 17. 20-end

“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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Gospel cont

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

Post Communion

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such
spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming services at St Michael’s Enborne

1st June - 11am Holy Communion
15th June - 11am Matins
29th June - 6.30pm Benefice Evensong
13th July - 11am Holy Communion

Prayers for the week

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do.
A Weekly Prayer Diary is sent out by email with this news-letter includes prayers for named individuals, together with prayer intentions for the week for our Benefice, the local community and the wider world. Names can be added by contacting clergy or the Office but please note, only with the permission of the named person.

Open for personal prayer ...

St George’s Church is open daily (except Monday) from 9.30am - 2.30pm. (Access via the door on tower side.)
St John’s Church is mainly open Tuesday to Friday from approx. 9-5pm. The red flag flying indicates openness.
St Michael’s Church, Enborne is open every day in daylight hours.
Come, sit in peace, and enjoy the quietness of these sacred spaces.